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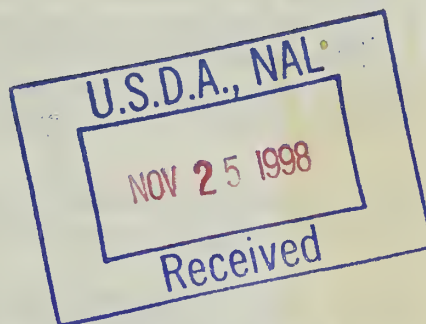
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UNITED STATES STANDARDS

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DRIED APRICOTS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION
PROCESSED PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION BRANCH

These standards supersede the standards which have been in effect since
June 1, 1945

This third issue of the United States Standards for Grades of Dried Apricots was amended, effective May 24, 1967. These amended standards contain minor modifications in format (including new section numbers) and rearrangement of text. None of the requirements were changed by the amended standards, published in the Federal Register of May 24, 1967 (32 F.R. 7572).

These standards are included in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 7 -- Agriculture, Part 52.

Issued under the authority of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, which provides for the development of official U.S. grades to designate different levels of quality, the grade standards are for the voluntary use of producers, suppliers, buyers, and consumers. As in the case of other standards for grades of processed fruits and vegetables, these standards are designed to facilitate orderly marketing by providing a convenient basis for buying and selling, for establishing quality control programs, and for determining loan values.

These standards will also serve as a basis for the inspection and grading of this commodity by the Federal inspection service, which is also provided under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946. This service, available for inspection and grading of other processed products as well, is offered to interested parties, upon application, on a fee-for-service basis.

These standards are issued by the Department after careful consideration of all data and views submitted, and the Department welcomes suggestions which might aid in improving the standards in future revisions. Comments may be submitted to, and copies of standards obtained from:

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UNITED STATES STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF DRIED APRICOTS

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Authority:

(Secs. 203, 205, 60 Stat. 1087, as amended, 1090, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1622, 1624)

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION, MOISTURE, SIZES

§ 52.5761 Product description.

Dried apricots are the halved and pitted fruit of the apricot tree (*Prunus armeniaca*) from which the greater portion of moisture has been removed. Before packing, the dried fruit is processed to cleanse the fruit and may be sulfured sufficiently to retain a characteristic color.

Compliance with the provisions of these standards shall not excuse failure to comply with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act or with applicable State laws and regulations.

§ 52.5762 Moisture.

Federal inspection certificates shall indicate the moisture content of the finished product which shall be not more than 26 percent by weight for sizes No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3, and for slabs, and not more than 25 percent by weight for other sizes.

§ 52.5763 Sizes.

(a) Federal inspection certificates shall indicate the size or combination of sizes of halved apricots found upon examination; or shall indicate "Slabs" if the apricots are such, or "Whole Pitted" (or "Slip Pitted" (if the apricots are found to be of this style.

(b) The various sizes of dried apricots, except for slabs (including "whole pitted" or "slip pitted" apricots) are as follows:

No. 1 Size (Jumbo Size) - $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches, or inches in diameter.

No. 2 Size (Extra Fancy Size) - $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches to $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter.

No. 3 Size (Fancy Size) - $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches to $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter.

No. 4 Size (Extra Choice Size) - 1 inch to $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches in diameter.

No. 5 Size (Choice Size) - $1\frac{1}{16}$ inch to 1 inch in diameter.

No. 6 Size (Standard Size) - Less than $1\frac{1}{16}$ inch in diameter.

(1) "Diameter" means the shortest measurement across the face of the apricot half when restored to its normal shape.

(2) In determining compliance with size requirements of this section, dried apricots will be considered as of one size if not more than 10 percent by weight of the fruit varies from the size range.

GRADES OF DRIED APRICOTS

(OTHER THAN SLAB GRADES)

§ 52.5764 U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy.

(a) U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy dried apricots possess similar varietal characteristics; and possess a practically uniform, bright typical color, characteristic of well-matured apricots. The fruit may possess pale yellow areas around the stem and that do not exceed an area equivalent to one-eighth of the outer surface side of the unit; not more than 5 percent by weight of the fruit may be of a color described in U.S. Grade B or U.S. Choice, but none of the fruit may be of a color described in U.S. Grade C or U.S. Standard.

(b) Not more than a total tolerance of 10 percent by weight may be slabs, immature, or may possess pits or pieces of pits; may be damaged by discoloration, sunburn, hail marks, scab, disease, insect injury, or other similar defects; or may be affected by mold, decay, insect infestation (no live insects are permitted), imbedded dirt, or other foreign material: *Provided*, That, not more than two-fifths of the total tolerance, or 4 percent by weight, may be affected by mold, decay, insect infestation (no live insects are permitted), imbedded dirt, or other foreign material: *And further provided*, That, not more than one-tenth of the total tolerance, or 1 percent by weight, may be affected by decay.

§ 52.5765 U.S. Grade B or U.S. Choice.

(a) U.S. Grade B or U.S. Choice dried apricots possess similar varietal characteristics; and possess a reasonably uniform, bright typical color, characteristic of reasonably well-matured apricots. The fruit may possess pale yellow areas around the stem end that do not exceed an area equivalent to one-fourth of the outer surface side of the unit; not more than 10 percent by weight of the fruit may be of a color described in U.S. Grade C or U.S. Standard, but none of the units may possess light green areas that exceed an area equivalent to one-fourth of the outer surface side of the unit.

(b) Not more than a total tolerance of 15 percent by weight may be slabs, immature, or may possess pits or pieces of pits, may be damaged by discoloration, sunburn, hail marks, scab, disease, insect injury, or other similar defects; or may

be affected by mold, decay, insect infestation (no live insects are permitted), imbedded dirt, or other foreign material: *Provided*, That, not more than one-third of the total tolerance, or 5 percent by weight, may be affected by mold, decay, insect infestation (no live insects are permitted), imbedded dirt, or other foreign material: *And further provided*, That, not more than one-fifteenth of the total tolerance, or 1 percent by weight, may be affected by decay.

§ 52.5766 U.S. Grade C or U.S. Standard.

(a) U.S. Grade C or U.S. Standard dried apricots possess similar varietal characteristics; and possess a fairly uniform typical color, characteristic of fairly well-matured apricots. The fruit may be pale yellow in color and may possess light green areas around the stem end of the fruit that do not exceed an area equivalent to one-quarter of the outer surface side of the unit, but not more than 15 percent by weight of the total fruit may possess light green areas that exceed an area equivalent to one-quarter of the outer surface side of the unit.

(b) Not more than a total tolerance of 20 percent by weight of the fruit may be slabs, immature, or possess pits or pieces of pits; may be damaged by discoloration, sunburn, hail marks, scab, disease, insect injury, or other similar defects; or may be affected by mold, decay, insect infestation (no live insects are permitted), imbedded dirt, or other foreign material: *Provided*, That, not more than one-fourth of the total tolerance, or 5 percent by weight, may be affected by mold, decay, insect infestation (no live insects are permitted), imbedded dirt, or other foreign material: *And further provided*, That, not more than one-tenth of the total tolerance, or 2 percent by weight, may be affected by decay.

§ 52.5767 U.S. Grade D or Substandard.

U.S. Grade D or Substandard dried apricots are wholesome and edible fruit that fails to meet the requirements of U.S. Grade C or U.S. Standard: *Provided*, That, not more than 20 percent by weight of the total fruit may be slabs; and not more than 5 percent by weight of the total fruit may be affected by mold, decay, insect infestation (no live insects

are permitted), imbedded dirt, or other foreign material: *And further provided*, That, not more than 2 percent by weight of the total fruit may be affected by decay.

GRADES OF DRIED APRICOTS (SLABS)

§ 52.5768 U.S. Grade A (Slabs) or U.S. Fancy (Slabs).

U.S. Grade A (Slabs) or U.S. Fancy (Slabs) dried apricots meet the requirements of U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy, except that there is no limit to the percentage of slabs.

§ 52.5769 U.S. Grade B (Slabs) or U.S. Choice (Slabs).

U.S. Grade B (Slabs) or U.S. Choice (Slabs) dried apricots meet the requirements of U.S. Grade B or U.S. Choice, except that there is no limit to the percentage of slabs.

§ 52.5770 U.S. Grade C (Slabs) or U.S. Standard (Slabs).

U.S. Grade C (Slabs) or U.S. Standard (Slabs) dried apricots meet the requirements of U.S. Grade C or U.S. Standard, except that there is no limit to the percentage of slabs.

§ 52.5771 U.S. Grade D (Slabs) or Substandard (Slabs).

U.S. Grade D (Slabs) or Substandard (Slabs) dried apricots are wholesome and edible fruit that fails to meet the requirements of U.S. Grade C (Slabs) or U.S. Standard (Slabs): *Provided*, That, not more than 5 percent by weight of the total fruit may be affected by mold, decay, insect infestation (no live insects are permitted), imbedded dirt, or other foreign material: *And further provided*, That, not more than 2 percent by weight of the total fruit may be affected by decay.

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

§ 52.5772 Explanation of terms.

(a) *Damage or other defects.* (1) "Damaged by discoloration" means that the apricots have become excessively darkened. Darkening of otherwise sound fruit characteristic of fruit held in stor-

age, in keeping with good commercial practice, shall not be considered as damaged by discoloration unless excessively darkened.

(2) "Damaged by sunburn" means any substantial damage to color or texture of skin caused by excessive heat from the sun.

(3) "Damaged by hail marks, scab, or disease" means that the combined area of all such defects, or of any one such defect, exceeds in the aggregate an area equivalent to the area of a circle three-eighths inch in diameter.

(4) "Damaged by other similar defects" means any injury or defect or group of defects not mentioned herein which materially affect the appearance, edibility, or keeping quality of the fruit.

(5) "Damaged by insect injury" means healed or unhealed surface blemishes, and healed or unhealed blemishes in the flesh which materially affect the appearance, edibility, or keeping quality of the fruit but which do not possess evidence of insect infestation.

(6) "Affected by insect infestation" means that the dried apricots show the presence of insects, insect fragments, or excreta. No live insects are permitted.

(7) "Affected by imbedded dirt" means the units have sufficient quantities of adhering dirt to give the fruit a dirty, smudgy appearance and dirt which may not be removed readily in washing the fruit.

(b) *Maturity.* (1) "Well-matured" means that the apricots are fully ripe.

(2) "Reasonably well-matured" means that the apricots are firm and may not have reached the fully ripe stage.

(3) "Fairly well-matured" means that the apricots may be hard but not immature.

(4) "Immature" means that the apricots are tough or possess a green or other color indicative of immature fruit.

(c) *Slabs.* "Slabs" are apricots that have been mashed, broken, or mutilated to the extent that they have lost their

normal contour and have become definitely flattened at the edge or rim. A half that has a slightly torn edge is not con-

sidered a slab. For the purpose of these grades "whole pitted" (or "slip pitted") dried apricots are considered as slabs.

WORK SHEET

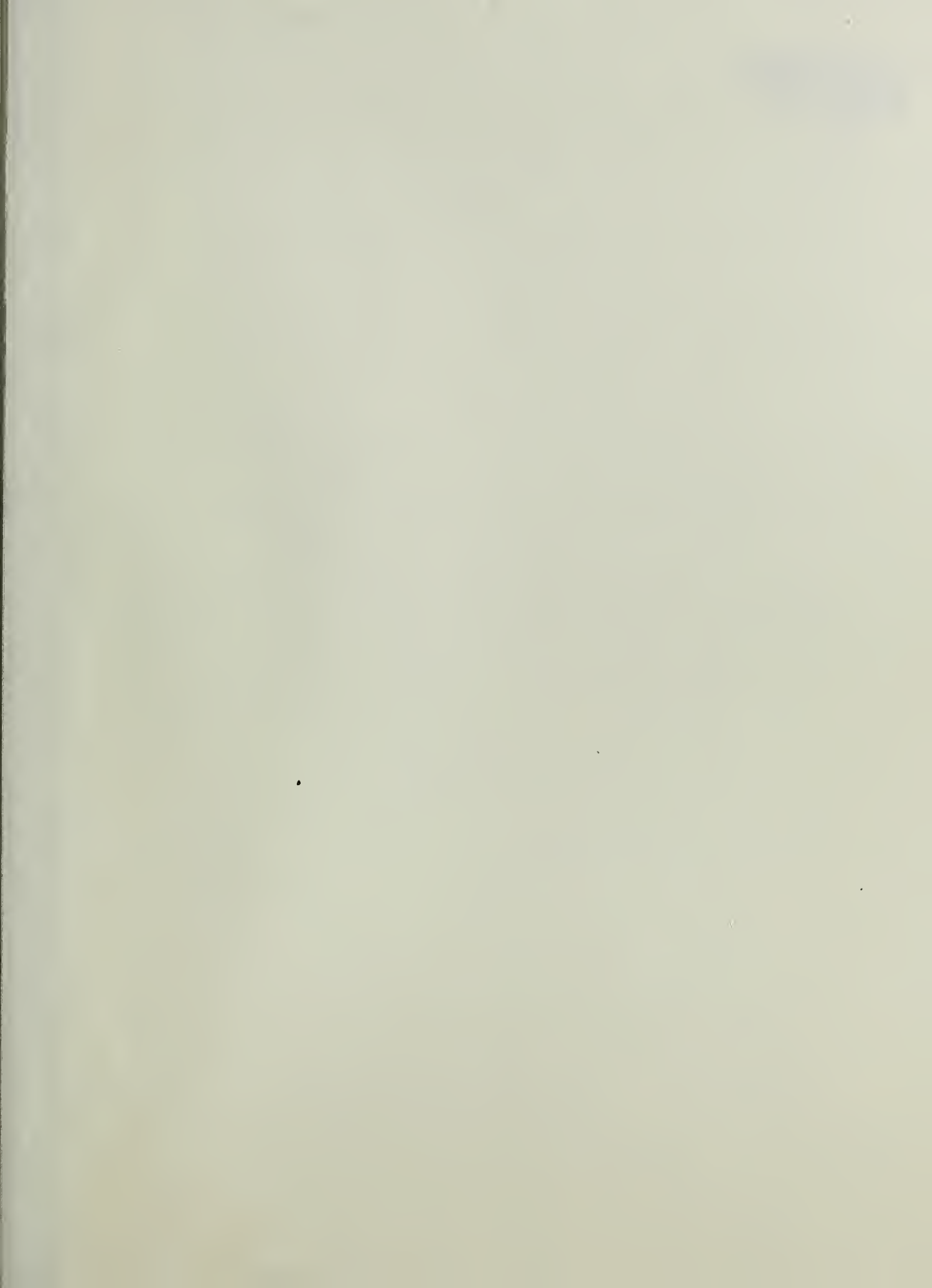
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Size of case or package.....									
Markings.....									
Label or brand.....									
Net weight.....									
Size or sizes.....									
Moisture content.....									
	A	B	C	D	A Slabs	B Slabs	C Slabs	D Slabs	
COLOR	Minimum requirements								
Grade A color.....	95%				95%				
Grade B color.....	5%	90%			5%	90%			
Grade C color.....		10%	100%			10%	100%		
DEFECTS	Maximum tolerances								
Total defects.....	10%	15%	20%		10%	15%	20%		
Slabs.....				20%			No limit		
Immature: fruit possessing pits or pieces of pits; damaged by discoloration, sunburn, hail marks, scab, disease, insect injury, or other similar defects; and	10%	15%	20%		10%	15%	20%		
Affected by mold, decay, insect infestation, imbedded dirt, or other foreign material.	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%	
	But not more than								
Decay.....	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	
	But not more than								
Grade.....									

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